This season makes me think of the past.

So, I'll make a promise to you.

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Episode 4

Osananazimi no Kimi 〔後編〕

About how I could never quite grasp any of the plentiful red flower petals that blew through the air.

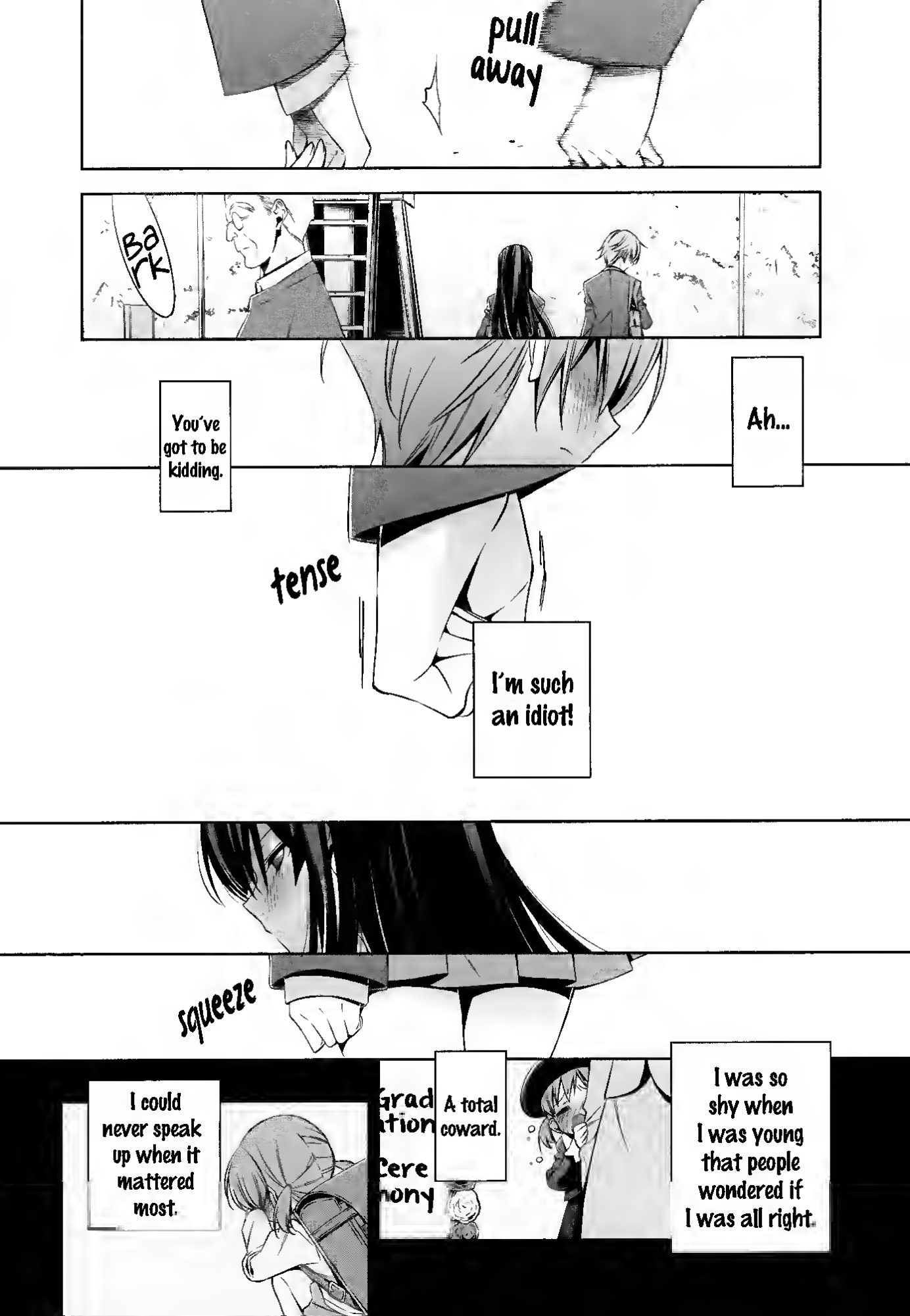
And when I thought I got a hold of one, it easily slipped through my fingers.

There's so many flower petals flying around, so I thought I'd grab one.
Mmm
You're acting like a little kid...
It's actually kinda hard.
Whoa!
miss
spin
They aren't.
Ehhh? But there's so many, I bet everyone's doing it.

Got one.

.....
Er, why? What did I do?
Stupid Hiro.
...
Hmph, I don't get you

H-Hiro...
Ah, so...
one year ago...
grasp
during the cherry blossom-
Bark
はっ!


pull away
Bark
You've got to be kidding.
Ah...
tense
I'm such an idiot!
squeeze
I could never speak up when it mattered most.
Grad ation Cere mony
A total coward.
I was so shy when I was young that people wondered if I was all right.

I was the same two years ago.
Oh, look at the color of the sky!
Whoa! That's amazing! There are reds and blues all mixed in.
At the park when...
It's kind of making me emotional.
Right, Sayaka?
Want to see some more of the park?
Sure!

This is awesome... the colors keep changing.
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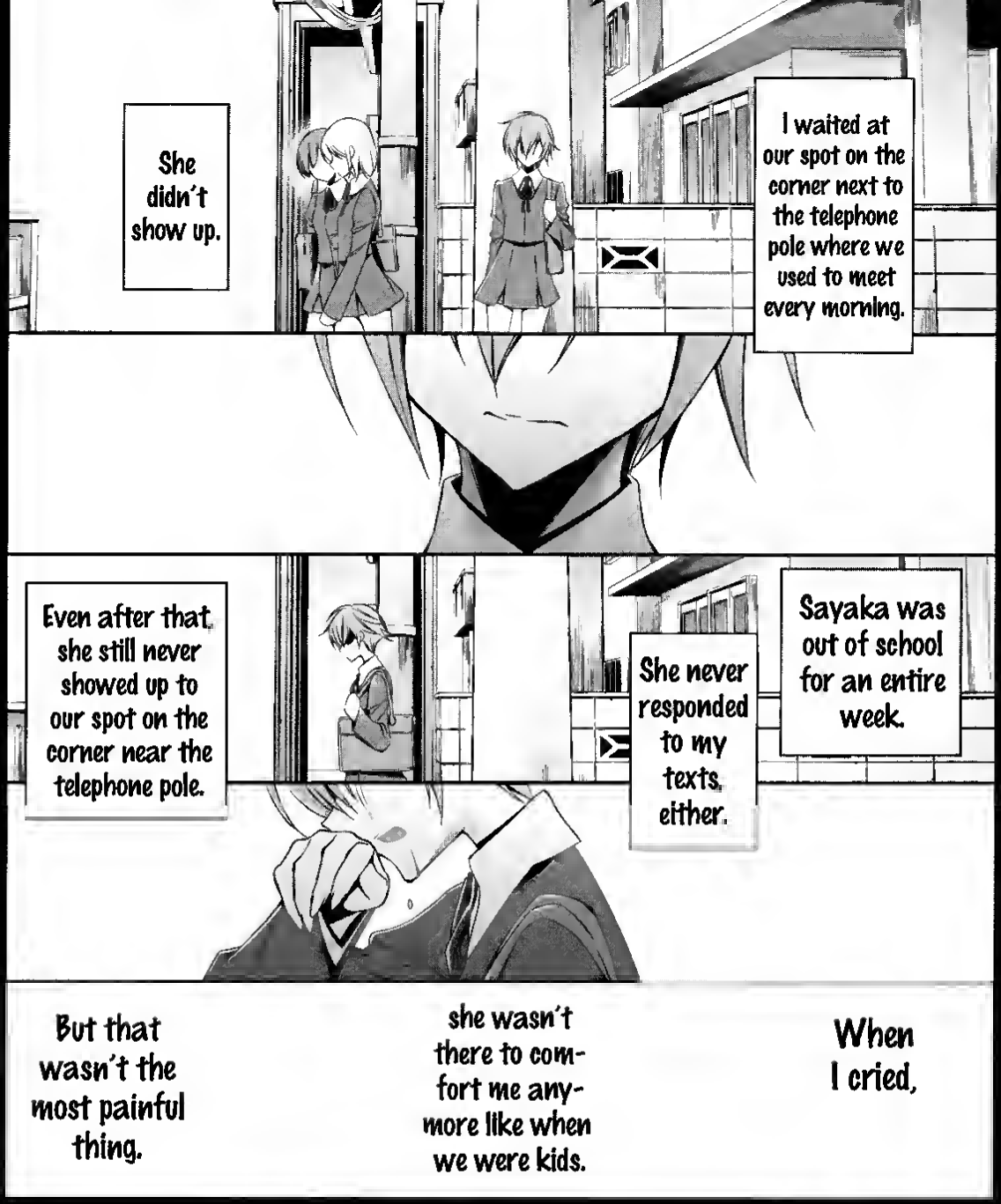
Umm...
So... you see...
Hmm?
What's up, Saya?
Ah, well...
...
I'm in love with you, Hiro.

BAD UMP
I had no idea how to react.
BAD UMP
I never saw that look on Sayaka's face before.
BAD UMP
Ah...
I don't really get any of that.
I'm sorry.
I couldn't even manage to get that out.
"Please wait. Don't go."
But that's not what I wanted to say.
How-ever...
At least, that's what I thought.
We've been friends since we were kids, after all.
Everything will be okay if I apologize when I see you tomorrow, right?


She didn't show up.
I waited at our spot on the corner next to the telephone pole where we used to meet every morning.
Even after that, she still never showed up to our spot on the corner near the telephone pole.
She never responded to my texts, either.
Sayaka was out of school for an entire week.
But that wasn't the most painful thing.
she wasn't there to comfort me anymore like when we were kids.
When I cried,

In an open spot, with nothing around but a rusty jungle gym and sakura trees.
I spotted her at the park we used to go to every year. We called it "cherry blossom viewing" but we just walked around randomly.
Spring came, and we still weren't speaking.

This is why I'm going to make you a promise.

So that you don't slip away from me like a cherry blossom petal.

Before you try to force a smile and try to say to me, "If only I didn't tell you how I felt back then, huh?"

So that you don't run away from me ever again.

Hey, Sayaka.
Let's go look at the cherry blossoms.
Huh ...?
Are we going to go now...?
confused
Don't worry, just come with me.
I'll go grab my bike.
Whoa...

What an incredible view!
Was this spot by the river always this impressive?
It feels like it's better than when we came with our families.
There are a lot of people here.
But...

because of that...
maybe no one will notice if we hold hands?
squeeze
Hiro...
Hey, Sayaka. We weren't able to look at the cherry blossoms last year.
But we should always go from now on...

When you look at the cherry blossoms,
I want you to laugh, not cry.
together!

So please,
laugh.
Ahh
Don't ...
Ah
Hey, Hiro ...
We're in the
haa
door-way!

BLUSH
mmm
B-But... it's just... where are right now isn't...
haa
But you always keep going whenever I say otherwise, hmm?
nnn
Too bad.
Y-You don't need to force it, Hiro.
I-I can tell you're embarrassed by this.
Ugh... Of course I am.
B-But... I don't wont you to olways be in control of things.
I want to...
take care of you sometimes, too.

Your hands... are freezing cold, you know.
grasp
I can tell through your hands when you're super nervous, Hiro. Even when you have a blank look on your face.
Like when you're playing in a basketball match.
S-Shut up!
But I love... these cold hands of yours, Hiro.
kiss

mmm
Shl ick
Shl ick
Shl ick
Shl ick
Ahhh!
Hm? What is it?
Hehe! I only just noticed since you're taller than me.

END

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